Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—I can only request the Hon'ble Member to wait and see whether things will improve.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Pallippuram*).—Can you give us the percentage of undetected cases? The figure given here is 41. What is the total number of occurrences? That will give us an idea as to the efficiency of the police.

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—I can give the percentage of property recovered. 59.9 per cent has been recovered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know whether the Vigilance Committees whose anniversary was celebrated yesterday did any beneficial effect upon the detection of crime?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—It has.

Salary—allowance—Police officer—with-holding of.

161. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the salary or allowance of any police officer was or has been with-held by the Head of the Department; if so, under what powers; how many officers have been affected by this; who are they?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—The question is not clear as there are many instances of pay and allowance of officers being with-held in this department in monthly pay bills pending sanction of leave of such officers or on account of certain officers being on transit from one station to another towards the close of the month. The period for which the information required is not also given in the question. It is not therefore possible to give a definite reply.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Has the salary or allowance been withheld as punishment for an officer and if so whether sanction has been taken from the Government?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—There must have been cases. I want notice.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Is it generally done with the sanction of the Government?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—In cases where sanction is necessary it is taken.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*) —Has the Commissioner of police ever exercised this?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—The Commissioner has power to inflict such punishments at times.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*)—Under what rule?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Under the rules framed by the Government.

Police Constable—Trichur Town Station—belabouring of.

162. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any Constable in the Trichur Town Station has complained or reported to the Commissioner of Police that he was beaten by the Inspector of Police (in the current year);

(2) if so, will the Government be pleased to state the name of the Constable and the Inspector?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—

(1) Yes.

(2) Constable No. 643 Govindan and Inspector Mr. C. L. Joseph.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—May I know whether any enquiry has been conducted on this petition?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Anthikad*).—What was the finding?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—The finding is that the Inspector only tapped him. When he called him he did not answer. He had other reasons to complain against the Inspector, and therefore he made much of it.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Adur*).—Does this Inspector generally tap?

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